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OF NOTE**Man charged with gun possession**

A Wayne man was charged April 27 with possession of a firearm and larceny from a home.

At approximately 8:30 p.m. April 27, Wayne police were called to a local tavern on a report of a man with a gun. Upon arrival, police found William J. Bella Jr., 26, with a pellet gun.

When officers arrived at the precinct with Bella, another resident called and informed police she had a gun taken from her home.

Bella was arraigned April 29 before 29th District Court Judge Carolyn Archbold. A \$4,000 cash bond was set. A not-guilty plea was entered for Bella by Archbold.

A May 8 preliminary examination will be staged for Bella before Archbold to determine if there is enough evidence to bound him over for trial.

Correction

In a recent feature story on Dr. Mary Mafee, her husband, Dr. Reza Mafee, was incorrectly identified as a cardiovascular surgeon.

Dr. Reza Mafee is a general surgeon who shares a practice with his wife, a gynecologist, in Belleville. Both attended medical school at Pahlavi University in Iran before moving to the United States to fulfill their medical residency requirements. Both worked at the Ypsilanti Regional Psychiatric Hospital before establishing their joint practice.

Man waives preliminary exam

A Detroit man waived his right to a felony preliminary exam May 1 before 29th District Court Judge Carolyn Archbold on an alleged hit-and-run felony offense of a Romulus teen-ager April 19.

The \$5,000 personal bond was also continued for Joseph Brady, 25. An 8:30 a.m. May 15, arraignment was set for Brady at Detroit Recorder's Court.

Daniel Meloche, 17, was taken to the University of Michigan Hospital where he was pronounced dead at 7:06 a.m. April 20.

A not-guilty plea was entered for Brady by Archbold. The hit-and-run charge is a felony offense which carries a maximum of five years in jail and up to a \$5,000 fine.

Brady has no previous criminal record, according to Wayne police Lt. Dan Randall.

At approximately 11:38 p.m. April 19, Meloche was walking southbound on Merriman Road in the roadway, according to Randall.

"He was apparently walking home from his girlfriend's house in Westland when he was struck by a vehicle," Randall said.

Police are still investigating the cause of the hit-and-run accident.

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INSIDEBy TOM MOORADIAN
ANP Staff Writer

Fulfilling a campaign promise to tackle the property tax assessment problem in Michigan head-on, Gov. John Engler last week signed a legislative proposal to freeze tax assessments on all properties at the 1991 level.

Engler, Senate Majority Leader Dick Posthumus, Speaker of the House Lewis Dodak, House Republican Leader Paul Hillegonds and Senate Democratic Leader Arthur Miller participated in the signing of the historic tax freeze legislation on May 1 in the Senate chambers.

The historic bipartisan bill, Senate Bill 19, will freeze property taxes and save taxpayers about \$400 million in 1992.

The freeze would be for a one-year duration and, during the interim, would give the governor and the lawmakers time to continue their work on a comprehensive property tax reform package, according to the Governor's Office.

Michigan taxes are among the highest in the nation and lawmakers believe taxes are one of the major reasons it is difficult to lure new commerce

and industrial development to the state.

They also stress property owners, specifically homeowners, have carried the onus of paying the bills for local government and schools.

Additionally, a ballot proposal is being prepared to be presented to Michigan voters who will decide whether the homestead assessments should be permanently capped to the rate of inflation or 5 percent, whichever is less.

The state constitution would be amended to ensure future assessments may not increase faster than the rate of inflation. Voters would decide that issue during the 1992 general election.

Most local governments and school district officials have spoken against the freeze because they fear it would jeopardize funds vital to providing essential services.

However, at least one group, the Headlee Tax Cut Initiative, believe the freeze has not gone far enough.

William McMaster, vice chairman of Taxpayers United, said the lawmakers are freezing assessments when property assessments are at artificially high levels.

"Property tax assessments in 1991 are the high-

est in Michigan history," McMaster said. "If politicians were in compliance with the Michigan Constitution, they would not be trying to freeze property tax assessments at the peak high levels."

"Furthermore, to be fair, homeowners are entitled to have their 1991 property tax assessments cut 15 percent to reflect the reduced true cash value of their homes."

McMaster went on to say "a new Constitutional amendment to limit annual property tax assessment increases to the rate of inflation is just as unnecessary under Engler as it was when Blanhard unsuccessfully campaigned on it last year."

McMaster said the reason the amendment was unnecessary was the Headlee Amendment prohibits, under Article 9, Section 31, local units of government from increasing property tax assessments higher than the annual rate of inflation.

"Politicians are trying to substitute an unconstitutional freeze for the Headlee Tax Initiative," McMaster said. "Only pending adoption of the Headlee Tax Cut Initiative will cut property tax assessments 10 percent this year, and another 10 percent next year."

Canton lose fight to leave districtBy PATRICIA BROWN
ANP Staff Writer

Good news is how Dennis O'Neill, superintendent of the Wayne-Westland school district, described the action taken by the Wayne County School Board Wednesday night.

The board voted 4-0 to deny a request from two Canton Township subdivisions to break away from the district and become a part of the Plymouth-Canton school district.

Wayne-Westland school board member Kathleen Chorbadian, also a member of the Wayne County board, abstained from voting.

O'Neill and Wayne-Westland school board members were against the request and publicly stated so at a special school board meeting April 23.

In a letter addressed to Wayne County Superintendent of Schools William Simmons, O'Neill said the change would have a devastating effect on the school district. He also stated the loss of enrollment would affect all students in Wayne-Westland.

Residents from Greenbrook subdivisions I and II have until May 10 to appeal the action, according to O'Neill.

The subdivisions, which are located on the southeast side of Canton, account for 113 Wayne-Westland students, and 65 of those students attend Walker Elementary School on Michigan Avenue. The loss of those students would mean the loss of \$500,000 in state aid, according to O'Neill.

Plymouth-Canton school officials said they would abide with whatever decision was made by the county board, even though some schools in their district are close to capacity.

"Our position is, if we were able to take the students, we would," said Richard Egli, community relations director of Plymouth-Canton schools. "As it is, we are already experiencing full classrooms."

The good news Wednesday came along just as another Canton subdivision is seeking to follow the same course of action.

"This is the first time ever our school district has been through this," O'Neill said.

School officials believe the Canton residents are trying to secede because of the financial conditions faced by the Wayne-Westland, and the higher taxes they pay in an in-formula school district. An in-formula school district relies heavily on state aid and enrollment to finance each student's education. An out-of-formula school district generates more local tax dollars, and isn't as reliant on state aid.

Another public hearing will be staged May 30 to decide if the River Park subdivision should be able to break away from the Wayne-Westland and join Plymouth-Canton.

River Park Subdivision is adjacent to the Greenbrook subdivisions.

Bargains Garage sales lure shoppersBy THEODORE G. COUTILISH
ANP News Editor

WANTED: People to buy garage sale items. Experience not necessary. Inquire within.

While announcing your garage sale in a classified advertisement will not necessarily assure a successful sale, following a few simple rules will increase its likelihood, according to Nanci Richardson, classified manager of The Associated Newspapers.

Richardson recommended cable television and newspaper advertisements include the date, time and address of the sale. She said ads should also list bigger items and special deals.

"You don't want it to be too wacky, but you do want to include the basics," she said. "But make sure you include directions. People always seem to forget those."

For Eva Drerub of Westland, who will host a moving sale from May 6 through May 12, the key to a successful sale is asking a fair price because most shoppers are bargain hunters. Drerub, a veteran of four garage sales during the past 24 years, listed typical shoppers as collectors, middle-income people and single mothers.

She said the bright side to garage sales are they help get rid of a lot of used items and allow you to meet nice people.

But she added there is a negative side.

"Having a garage sale is time consuming and boring," Drerub said. "Sometimes you will wait up to three or four hours and nobody



Kim Durand and Laura Brunson, both of Wayne, sort through merchandise at their joint garage sale this weekend. ANP photo by Deanne L. DeYonker/staff photographer

will show up. And you have to sit there by yourself."

While they differ from community to community, city and township garage sale ordinances are designed to protect against abuses.

In Romulus, for example, the city ordinance states a homeowner may have up to three garage sales per year. Cost of a three-day permit, the most days allowed under the ordinance, is \$5.

The ordinance also restricts the placement of signs to two and specifies they cannot be placed on public right-of-ways, including public utility poles and street signs.

The reason the City Council adopted this ordinance was because some people were abusing the system," Romulus Clerk Linda Choate said. "Some people were making this into a regular business, seven days a week, 52 weeks a year. We had junk on their front lawns, and people were complaining."

To have a successful garage sale, Richardson offers the following tips:

- Price items that are not new or antique low because garage sales are for bargain hunters.

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Commission election is setBy PATRICIA BROWN
ANP Staff Writer

Wayne County residents in the 11th District will go to the polls Tuesday to choose a new Wayne County Commissioner.

The 11th District includes Wayne, Canton Township, Belleville, Romulus, Sumpter Township, Van Buren Township, Huron Township, Flatrock and Rockwood.

The two candidates are Bryan Amann (D-Wayne) and James Poole (R-Canton).

Amann is currently the assistant to Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara, and is also known as the noise czar.

A change of flight patterns last year caused an uproar in communities north of Metropolitan Airport. Amann, 33, has been working with the Federal Aviation Administration and local communities to try and resolve the excessive aircraft noise problem.

Other areas he hopes to improve if elected include: roads, sewers, problems relating to the expansion of Metro Airport and communication between the commission and residents.

"The commission has to be vigilant to have the airport grow responsibly, such as guarding against ground run-up noise," Amann said last month. "None of my opponents know how to deliver on this."

The other candidate, Poole, is no stranger to politics. He was the supervisor in Canton from 1980 to 1988.

Poole, 61, played a large role in encouraging businesses to move to Canton. He helped coax executives from American Yazaki to locate in the township in the early 1980s.

Other areas he hopes to change include: taxes, crime, roads, waste and pollution.

Polls will open at 7 a.m. and will remain open until 8 p.m.

Woman missing since 1986

No one has seen Rita Rose Cooley since she left her Westland home four years ago to pick up a client.

Cooley, who would be 35 now, was a limousine driver, according to Michael Frayer, acting chief of the Westland Police Department.

She left her Forest Street home at approximately 10 p.m. Dec. 26, 1986, to pick up a client whose identity is unknown, according to police reports.

"We don't know where she was going or who she was picking up when she left the house," Frayer said.

Reports of her disappearance were reported throughout the area.

On Dec. 31, 1986, a resident of northwest Detroit reported that she saw a woman matching the description of Cooley. She saw the woman at 7:30 a.m. Dec. 31, according to reports, outside a known "crack-house".

Unsolved Mysteries

Frayer said reports indicate that Cooley was known to meet with individuals involved in the "drug trade" from time to time.

Since that Dec. 31 report of Cooley's alleged whereabouts was filed, there have been no other leads in the case, Frayer said.

"We believe she met with foul play," Frayer said.

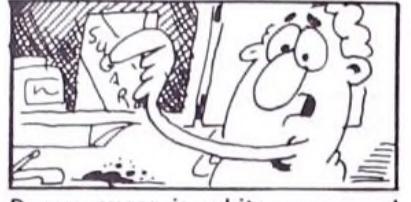
Cooley is described as a 110-pound, 5-feet, 2-inch woman with long black hair and brown eyes.

"We receive reports from all across the country of bodies that are found and not identified," Frayer said. "None of them have turned out to be

Cooley."

Frayer said murder is usually the easiest crime to solve because most murderers kill people they know. In cases where an individual seems to have been selected at random, such as Cooley's, it is much more difficult.

Anyone with additional information concerning Cooley and her whereabouts, or with information that would reveal her fate, should phone the Westland Police Detectives Bureau at 721-6311.



Brown sugar is white, processed sugar with the molasses put back in.

GARAGE

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Death at school

By PATRICIA BROWN
ANP Staff Writer

A Wayne-Westland school employee was found dead in a garage behind John Glenn High School Thursday morning.

The employee, a 39-year-old grounds keeper, was found by a custodian in a school-owned truck parked in the garage, according to Dennis O'Neill.

superintendent of schools.

Police and fire officials were immediately called to the scene. The cause of death was carbon monoxide poisoning, according to Westland police detective Sgt. Russ Nowaczk.

As of Friday, the incident was still under investigation.

The employee had worked for the school district since 1984.



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Commission chairman pursues better communication

The Wayne County Board of Commissioners should be a strong force in county politics, but they are often found in the shadow of the powerful county executive, according to Commission Chairman Arthur Blackwell.

Blackwell, whose district includes the New Center area of Detroit, Hamtramck and Highland Park, was elected under the old county system when there was no county executive. He watched the switch to the new system, and believes it is time to look at how the county is operated again.

The chairman said the commission and the executive should work together to improve conditions for all of Wayne County.

"I don't mind when I lose on one or two issues," Blackwell

said. "But when I lose every time something is wrong."

Blackwell referred to issues which County Executive Edward McNamara has been outspoken on including the Tiger Stadium issue, the budget and airport expansion.

The commissioners and McNamara should sit down together and negotiate on those issues, rather than the two parties starting out on a confrontation level, Blackwell said.

The Tiger Stadium issue, Blackwell said, has perhaps been the best example of the executive taking over a situation without discussion with the commission.

Blackwell, a longtime supporter and friend of Detroit Mayor Coleman Young, believes the city should be responsible for the stadium and

"We have to stop worrying about our images and react more to what our constituency wants."

that placing an issue on the ballot would be wrong.

The issue of the stadium and the disagreements between McNamara and Young have been played out in the media, but they have never been discussed with the commission.

"I have to learn these things from television and the newspapers, when ultimately it will be the board who has to approve any action," Blackwell said.

The commission has experienced considerable changes during the year. One commissioner died, a key commissioner went to work for Gov. John Engler, and another commissioner moved onto the courts. Each of these posts has been filled with a temporary candidate.

An election Tuesday will determine whether Bryan Amman, a member of the McNamara camp, will fill the 11th

District seat vacated by Milton Mack. Amman is the favorite in the race against Republican Jim Poole.

"I don't have anything against Bryan," Blackwell said. "I hope we can work together."

Blackwell said he is hoping for an end to the "invisible barrier" between the Detroit and suburban coalitions. It is a barrier, he said, that has been created by the media and perpetuated by the executive who is a former mayor of Livonia -- one of the largest suburbs in Wayne County.

The chairman admits that he seldom makes trips to the outlying parts of the county. A drive through Belleville caught him off guard and he was surprised by the number of residents of African-American dis-

sent in that part of the county.

He hopes the commission will make even greater efforts to meet in the suburbs and to schedule more public hearings so more residents can be heard.

"We have to stop worrying about our images and react more to what our constituency wants," he said.

The chairman also states that he will work to improve communications from the commissions, making sure suburban residents are informed of their actions, rather than just those of the executive.

Blackwell suggested again rumors that McNamara may campaign for the governor's post next time around. He would not confirm or deny that he might be a candidate for the executive's job.

New supervisor to stand ground on airport issue

By RANDY FRANK
ANP Staff Writer

New Plymouth Township Supervisor Gerald Law (R-Plymouth) always planned to return to local government.

However, the newly appointed township supervisor didn't think it would happen this soon.

"I had a week's notice," said Law, 46, the former state representative for the 36th District, which includes a part of Canton Township.

After two days as supervisor, Law is learning the job. He served as a Plymouth Township trustee from 1972 to 1982 before he was elected to the state post.

No earth shattering changes are planned.

Law will continue espousing his political philosophy to provide the best basic services to his constituents at the lowest possible cost.

He's impressed with the professionalism of Plymouth Township department directors, and doesn't anticipate any changes.

Several issues, though, loom on the horizon as the new supervisor becomes accustomed to his office.

Township trustees are trying to consolidate dispatch services for Plymouth Township and Plymouth.

Government officials from both communities will also examine consolidation of major services such as fire and police.

Law will also review recreation and senior citizen programs.

Although he hasn't taken a firm position on specific issues, he expects to be more involved once the budget process starts next month.

"I'll have a better idea of all

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the projects," he said.

Law, however, will inherit one hot political issue from former supervisor Maurice Breen: The proposed joint operating agreement of Mettetal Airport in Canton Township by Plymouth and Plymouth Township.

The new township supervisor is well aware of the political, and some say personal animosity which exists between Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack and Breen, who recently accepted an appointment to the Wayne County Commission.

"Mettetal has ignited some unhappiness," Law said. "I would hope that any issue will not build permanent walls between communities. I have no personal bias against any elected official."

Law quickly points out, however, Plymouth Township trustees have decided to enter a JOA. And he doesn't plan on bucking the board on this issue since he hasn't studied it.

Mettetal Airport, though, is not at the forefront of Law's concerns.

He said the biggest issues are studying the feasibility of joint services and finalizing a police department contract.

Meanwhile, Law accepts the challenge of his new position, and looks forward to the next few months.

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Farm in the city

A little bit of the country is moving to the city with the Green Meadows petting farm. Throughout the summer, children and adults will be able to enjoy the farm animals at the Eloise property in Westland. Wayne County Executive Edward McNamara (above) and 3-year-old Rachel Hall of KidSpace helped open the petting farm last week. Rachel gets some help feeding a pony. ANP photo by Deanne DeYonker/staff photographer



Deborah Van Leuven Kerr

minister of the Belleville United Presbyterian Church. Before her seminary studies, she had been employed for 12 years at the Oakland County Juvenile Court.

Born and raised in Milford, Mich., Kerr graduated from Milford High School and later attended Alma College and Oakland University, where she majored in sociology and psychology.

"During the 1970s, my husband and I were married in a ceremony performed by a Presbyterian minister and a Byzantine Catholic priest. It was during the time when couples wrote their own vows," Kerr said. "My husband, Jack, and his family have been very supportive of my church work and he has been very involved with church activities through the years.

"I gave some fleeting thought to the ministry while I was in high school, but I really didn't give it serious consideration. When my daughter, Jennifer, now 14, was four years old, I became more involved in church activities. When an opening for a director of Christian education became available, I was at a crossroad in my career. I had worked with troubled children, and I felt that I wanted to work with youngsters in a more positive environment."

One year after Kerr assumed the church education leadership post, she decided to enter the ministry.

"I didn't know if I could do it, especially if I had to take all of my courses at the Presbyterian seminary in Chica-

go. However, I found I could take many of my classes at St. John's Catholic Seminary in Plymouth. I completed my studies at McCormick through the grace of God and the help of friends. One semester I had to attend one class in Chicago and I made a weekly one-day round-trip there. My friends would take turns driving with me to keep me company, and they'd spend a day in the city shopping, visiting the library or touring the museums."

Kerr performed some ministerial duties in her home congregation before assuming her post in the Belleville church, which has been with a pastor for two years.

"My challenge is to help lead the Belleville church to become all that it can be. It has a lot of potential, a lot of wonderful members and a beautiful church," Kerr said. "I am excited to be here, and grateful for the warm wel-

come that I have received."

Her decision to accept the call was prompted by the sense of community she found in the church, she said. She believes in the potential of the congregation and the unlimited possibilities of the future.

When church duties dictate, Kerr wears a clerical collar and suit, but Debbie, as she prefers to be called, usually is seen dressed in casual attire during her office hours, home visits and community activities.

Minister beats the stereotypes

By JOAN DYER-ZINNER
Belleville City Editor

Deborah Van Leuven Kerr's profession was once exclusively a man's domain, but today her presence as a minister is merely unusual, not unique.

In fact, her decision to enter the ministry as a second career is becoming more common in seminaries today, Kerr said.

"The average age of seminary students is 33, and many of them - both men and women - are embarking on a second career," Kerr said. "More and more, we find people are being accepted as individuals, not by race or sex. About one-half of seminarians with whom I attended school are women. I believe we will see more women serving as senior pastors or solo pastors of congregations in the future."

Kerr recalled one instance in her home church when an older male member of the congregation told fellow members he did not care to attend church when she was preaching.

"If I wanted to listen to a woman preach, I'd stay at home and listen to my wife," the man complained.

Fortunately, Kerr does not share many individuals who share the man's bias. Instead, she has found acceptance, encouragement and help from those she serves in her new calling.

Kerr, who recently graduated from McCormick Theological Seminary, has accepted her first post as



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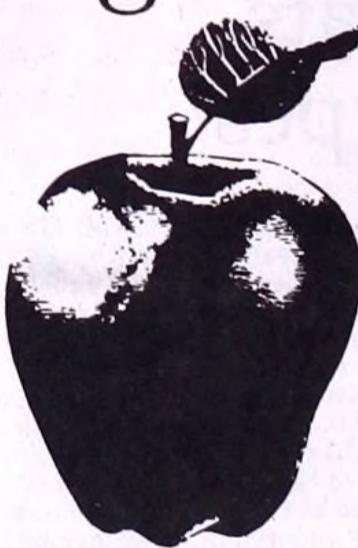
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SPORTS

Glenn, Salem showdown doesn't settle dilemma

By TOM MOORADIAN
ANP Staff Writer

A showdown Wednesday between previously undefeated Westland John Glenn and Plymouth Salem for baseball supremacy in the Western Lakes Conference failed to show which baseball team is best.

The two rivals settled for a split, with the Westlanders winning the first 10-1, and the Rocks taking the nightcap 4-2.

However, the loss cost the Rockets their winning streak. It ended at 12.

"I thought we played well in both games," Glenn Coach Norm Hoenes said. "Obviously, I am disappointed that we lost. But how can I be disappointed at a team that is 12-1? The kids are playing their hearts out."

In the first game, Glenn erupted for seven runs in the seventh inning to break the game open.

Sophomore Aaron Scheffer went the distance and chalked up the victory. The lanky right-hander gave up five hits. He missed a shutout when Ed Gundry tripled to right field, scoring Scott Niemiec in the bottom of the third inning with the tying run.

Jeff Coleman had singled to lead off the inning but was forced by Niemiec.

Glenn broke the deadlock in the fifth, then added a single tally in the sixth before its seven-run outburst in the seventh. In that inning, the Rockets batted around as Gary Pierce singled off of reliever and losing pitcher Eric Nielson. Andy Gagne then doubled, putting Glenn runners on second and third.

Lawrence Scheffer helped his brother's cause with a two-run single into left field. And Rob Filary kept the rally alive with his third hit of the game, a single. A single by Mike White, followed by walks to Aaron Scheffer, Greg Tamas and Pierce, sandwiched between a Steve Fuller base hit, led to the other Rocket runs.

Romulus continues its skid

The Romulus Eagles had their hands full this week when they ran up against two tough division opponents. They found out why the teams are currently sharing first place in the South Central Conference.

Tuesday found the Eagles at Adrian to face the Maples for a double-header. The Eagles dropped both games: 19-2 and 9-4.

The Maples were coming off a loss in which they had a two-hitter thrown against them, and apparently decided to break out against the Eagles and score 13 runs. And that was just the first inning.

The Eagles paraded three pitchers to try and shut down the Adrian barrage, but it was no use. Rich Evans started, and had relief help from Brian Ellison and Jeff O'Connor.

Adrian's Craig Sower was the winning pitcher in relief.

Sower was also the winner in the nightcap as the Maples slowed a bit, but not a lot. The were held to less than half the runs they scored in game one, but it was still more than enough to defeat the Eagles.

Eagle pitcher Ed Tank went the distance. But his team could only muster four runs to support him.

Tank hit a solo home run to help his cause, as did Mark Harden. Harden also had a single.

On Thursday, the Eagles squared off with the other co-leader of the South Central Conference. The Ypsilanti Braves didn't treat the Eagles much better, as they won the game by a 9-2 margin.

The Eagles faced Ypsilanti pitcher Chris Desseler for the second time this season. In the two games, the big junior has given up only three hits to Romulus hitters.

"He was tough last year as a sophomore, but he didn't have a curve. Now that he's learned to throw one, he's even harder to hit," Eagle Coach Don Foley said.

In the nightcap, Salem made good use of its two hits and scored a crucial victory that kept the Rocks in the two-way tie for first place with the Westlanders.

Dan Hutchinson, who entered the duel in the fourth in relief of starter Jeff Belisle, was given credit for the victory. He pitched a one-hitter, walked one and collected three strikeouts in three complete innings of work.

Glenn started John Ward, who was removed in the fourth

for reliever Lawrence Scheffer after Salem had broken a 2-2 tie.

Salem scored its two runs in the second on three walks and Jeff Coleman's single. Glenn came back and tied the score in the third, collecting four of their eight hits in that frame thanks to singles by Pierce, Gagne, Filary and Aaron Scheffer.

However, two unanswered runs by Salem in the top of the fourth sounded the knell for the Westlanders.

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Flea makes comeback in doggie kingdom

The flea has arrived.

The dreaded flea season has crept up again. Just when we thought we had seen the last of that miserable creature, it's springtime again. The ground has thawed, trees are budding and the grass is ready to be mowed. Boy, aren't we anxious for that. Landscaping problems are unique and individual, and are your

problem. I can't advise you on that. I can help out with the flea issue, though.

Fleas, as most of us have experienced, are hearty, bloodthirsty, feisty beasts who thrive on their host. The host, of course, is the family dog.

Fleas live on the blood sucked from our pets. They're burrowing types who don't get under the host pet's skin, but form their living quarters deep beneath the hair, next to the skin. They multiply quickly and often. If you see one single flea on your dog, you can be guaranteed there are hundreds more.

You won't have to do an actual inspection of your dog to figure out he's got a flea problem because he'll be digging and scratching at himself until he drives you crazy. You can brush the dog's hair against the grain, exposing the skin, and see the fleas jumping and darting all over. Because fleas are so fast-moving, you may have trouble finding them at the first inspection, before he's badly infested.

Here's how to be certain that the dog's itching is caused by fleas rather than just dry skin. Get an old white sheet or even a pillow case. Place your dog on the material and briskly rough up his coat. If what you see fall onto the material resembles black pepper, your dog definitely has fleas. The black pepper is actually flea defecation. (Sorry, but it's true) Shake this peppery substance into a tub or basin and wet it down. It should dissolve into a reddish-brown liquid which is the blood-filled defecation the flea passes after feeding on your dog.

Fleas can be destroyed, but not

eliminated. This is what is so miserable about them. The dog must be taken to a groomer who will dip it in a special solution which kills the fleas presently on your dog along with the flea eggs waiting to hatch. If you are so inclined, you can purchase flea dips or powders to rid your dog of the insect, but this is where many people make their mistake.

Wherever your dog has been within your home, the fleas will have tagged along. So the flea may have jumped from the dog to another host (even you, temporarily) like the carpet, furniture, drapes. They are able to live there for a long time. So, when you've groomed your dog you must remember to eliminate the flea from the household as well.

The very best way to exterminate your home is to purchase the flea "bomb". They are available at any pet store. The aerosol cans contain a flea-killing mist which covers a certain amount of space. You'll probably have to buy more than one can to de-flea your entire home. Don't neglect the garage and car interior. Fleas will be found anywhere the dog has been.

When "flea-bombing" your home, you will have to take all living animals out of the house. The directions on the can will explain what to do. It takes a couple of hours before the job is complete. Here's the bad part. You'll have to repeat the process in two weeks to be absolutely positive the fleas are destroyed.

Did I say that was the bad part? Well, there's still another. Even if you've had your dog flea-dipped at the groomer and while he was there you took him out of the house,

LET'S
TALK
DOGS

By
Dan Morris



garage and car, all you or your dog has to do is step outdoors and the cycle can begin again. It's sad, but true.

Fleas can be carried by birds and squirrels. The dog or cat five houses down from you can have fleas and they can easily end up on your pet. If someone simply walks their dog down the street and passes your house, you can become flea-infested again.

The last horrible flea story is that you can bring fleas home with you and give them to your dog.

The best remedy is to keep your dog indoors as much as possible. Naturally, he is never to remain outdoors for long anyway, but in summer when we are working in the yard the dog is more likely to be there with us. You can purchase insect repellent or flea powder and rub his coat with this as a mild preventative action. Flea collars are not a good choice as the fleas will simply move to the rear of the animal and avoid the neck.

During this flea season (until the ground is frozen for two weeks), check your dog daily to keep him free of the insect. Fleas can carry tapeworm. They're not funny and neither is the flea.

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Cats of all shapes, sizes and colors will be on display today at the 1991 CFA cat show sponsored by Just Cats N' Us in Inkster.

Felines from around the country will participate in the show from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Inkster Recreation Complex.

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My favorite, on a recent visit, was visiting the Great Barrier Reef. This can be accomplished by staying on one of the islands near the Reef, or if you are short on time, flying into Cairns and traveling by catamaran to an anchored platform on the Reef where you can dive, snorkel or cruise the Reef in a "semi-submersible". The views of the coral and over 1600 species of fish are spectacular.

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A conversation with... Hometown anchorwoman Catherine Leahan



"If I learned anything from it, it was that it is good to stand up for what you believe in. In the end you'll come out ahead."

Catherine Leahan

Catherine Leahan has made a real "bang" in the Detroit television news market.

Her controversial departure from WXYZ-TV in January 1991 and her highly publicized marriage to WHYT-FM disc jockey Michael J. Foxx, paired with award-winning reporting skills has placed Leahan among the best-known television news reporters.

Leahan is a native of Birmingham, and is pleased to be working back in her own back yard. She graduated from the University of Michigan with a degree in political science, but writing and gathering news has always been her first love.

She joined WJBK-TV in January 1991, just a few weeks after her departure from WXYZ-TV. She won a controversial lawsuit against her previous employer, shooting down the "no-compete" clause in her contract which would have precluded her from working at a competing station for a period of time.

She is now the anchorwoman for the noon show at Channel 2, and still is out in the field reporting on a regular basis. She received an Emmy in 1988, and in 1987 received a United Press International award for her contributions to an investigative documentary.

She began her professional journalism career at WDIV-TV in 1984 as a segment producer in the news department. She then moved on to Marquette and Omaha, Neb. where she launched her on-air career.

She married Foxx about two years ago and the couple lives in suburban Detroit. They enjoy working on their house and garden together, and they like to shop.

Leahan recently suffered a miscarriage, but she and Foxx are family people and hope to start a family soon. "There's never been any question," Leahan says, "we'll have a family."

The following are some excerpts from a recent interview with Leahan.

ANP: What made you decide to pursue a career in journalism?

Leahan: Well, I always wanted to be a writer or report. Even when I was really little, like in elementary school, during recess I would write. I really got a kick out of putting things together. So I was really into it when I was young. In elementary school, junior high and high school I always worked on the school newspaper. In high school I really loved it to the expense of my other classes. I would skip other classes to go on interviews. The journalism teacher I had must have really had a tough time and discouraged me from going into the business. He encouraged me to go to college and study law or something. I majored in political science and considered that. I still think I would like to do that some day. I think I would like being a lawyer and arguing all the time.

I was doing an internship. One of my classes was on polling and the media and that kind of thing. So, I did an internship at channel 4 and right after that I had so much fun I said forget it, I'm doing this. They hired me after my internship was over.

ANP: What is the most common misconception about being a television news reporter?

Leahan: There are so many people who think, "I want to be a star, I want to make so much money". It's so much more than that. It's long hours. It takes a lot of sacrifice. It's a lot of work. It's not just being on TV.

If I had my choice sometimes I wouldn't want to be on television. I'd like to do just what I'm doing and not even be there because sometimes they are just distractions to what I'm trying to get across. I don't want people to be distracted about what I'm wearing or my jewelry. It's not what I'm trying to get across.

ANP: Do you prefer being an anchor or a reporter?

Leahan: I'm a general assignment reporter in the afternoons. I work on the noon show in the mornings. I prefer the combination because there are a lot of anchors who just sit behind the desk. I like to get out and talk to people, keep my finger on the pulse of what's happening. There are some days you just don't want to be stuck inside.

ANP: Your engagement and marriage were quite public. Was that exciting or annoying for you?

Leahan: I thought it was great. We didn't go out of our way to make it public. It just happened that way. Bill Bonds happened to notice I was wearing an engagement ring. He came out and said it. It's pretty cool. How many people get their engagements announced on television. It was really neat. It was in the paper and everything.

ANP: How does your time at Channel 7 differ from Channel 2?

Leahan: It's a lot different for me because I'm doing what I really want to do -- hard news. When I was hired there (WXYZ) I was supposed to do a combination of hard news and consumer news, but I ended up doing much more light, consumer pieces. It's not what I wanted to do.

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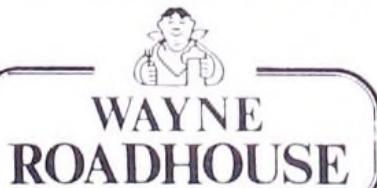
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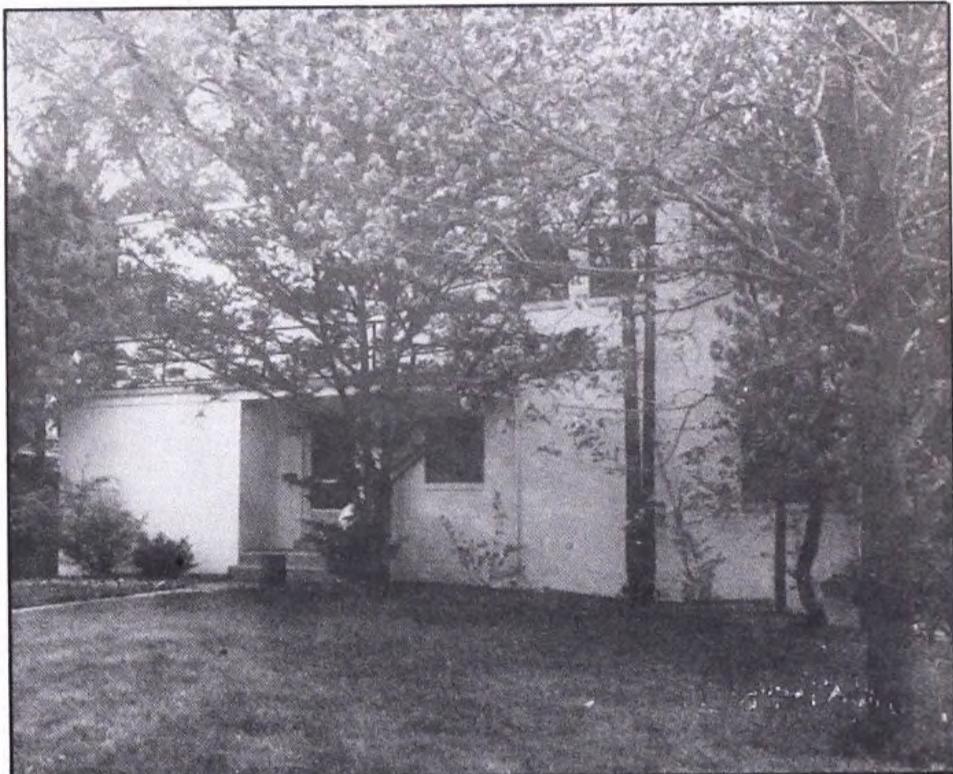
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Featured house

This home on the corner of Elm and Elizabeth in Wayne is featured this month by Coldwell Banker. It is priced at \$113,900 and has been on the market for three months. It sits on a half-acre lot and features this beautiful dining area with circular windows. For more information on the house, turn to Page 10. ANP photos by Deanne DeYonker

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Summer lies ahead, full of promise and possibilities. Unfortunately, most of us have to reserve our adventures for the weekends, and only quick trips are possible.

Not to fear, however, Michigan is a mecca of quick stops and interesting trips that you can find on just one tank of gasoline.

Throughout the summer, we will offer suggestions for weekend, or even daily, getaways that will teach you about history, architecture or will just lead you to a good time.

So, pack an overnight bag or a bunch of goodies in the car and discover Michigan at its best.

Southwest and Downtown

Southwest and downtown Detroit are interesting areas to visit, especially south of the Ford Motor Co. Rouge Plant.

Giovanne's, located on Oakwood north of the Fort Street Bridge, attracts patrons from throughout the metropolitan area.

The restaurant is owned and operated by an Italian family. On a Saturday night, it is hard to get a table right away, and anyone who plans to dine there should make reservations. Homemade pasta dishes top the list of favorite dinners. All of the pasta noodles are made by three Italian women.

Directly across the street from Giovanne's is Gonnella's Bakery. Gonnella's is famous for submarine sandwiches and its deli.

If you continue driving south on Fort Street, you are sure to hit downtown Detroit. Further south, past Joe Louis Arena, you can park your car and climb aboard the People Mover.

A ride on the People Mover will take you past Joe Louis Arena, Cobo Hall, the Renaissance Center, the Omni Hotel, Greektown and other popular downtown landmarks.

Shoppers will enjoy the Renaissance Center on Jefferson Avenue and Trappers Alley in Greektown.

East of the Renaissance Center, along the edge of the Detroit River, is Corktown, which also is known for unique restaurants.

If you plan to spend the day downtown, you could pick up a submarine sandwich and something to drink at Gonnella's. Then take your lunch to Chene Park, the new outdoor theater located along the Detroit River, where you can watch an outdoor concert. After that you could shop at Trappers Alley and the Renaissance Center, and then go dancing at River Rock, near Chene Park, and end the evening with a late snack in one of the many restaurants in Greektown.

Downtown Detroit has much to offer the summer wanderer.

Monroe

Monroe is more than the hometown of George Armstrong Custer and Kay Lani Rae Rafko.

Although the famous general who died in the Battle of the Little Big Horn and

the nurse who won the Miss America title in 1988 have helped to keep the city in the limelight, Monroe is also the site of historic landmarks, outlet shopping, Lake Erie fishing and annual festivals. In other words, the city on the Raisin River has something to offer a variety of visitors.

A look back to the early days of Monroe is provided at the Monroe County Historical Museum. 126 S.

Monroe St., which is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesdays through Sundays from May 1 to Sept. 30.

The museum features exhibits from the Native American Potawatomi tribe, the early French settlers who arrived in the 1780s and a Custer exhibit.

History buffs may want to visit the Navarre-Anderson Trading Post, built in 1789, which is the most complete example of French Canadian construction, and the Martha Barker General Store, which operates in the

ONE TANK TRIPS



old Papermill School building. Both are located on North Custer Road and are open weekends from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Visitors may walk around the grounds at any time during the year.

Manufacturers Marketplace, with more than 70 outlet stores, is a bargain-hunter's paradise. Located on Interstate-75 exit 11 at LaPlaisance Road, the center features outlet stores for such well-known names as Jordache, Swank, Corning, Farah, Dress Barn, Gitano, Maidenform, Carter's, Van Heusen, Harve Benard, Nilani and West Point Pepperell. One store stocks only scores of socks, another handles only paper products and at another location only lingerie for full-figure women is featured.

Sterling State Park, popular with campers, swimmers and boaters, is located a short distance from the city, and fishermen try their luck at catching walleyes, perch and bass at Bolles Harbor, Brest Bay and other sites along Lake Erie.

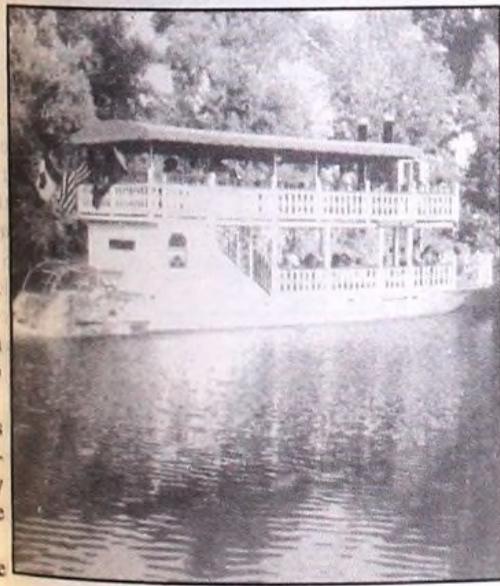
Lifelong Monroe resident Ed Nadeau recommends several restaurants to out-of-town visitors: Joe's French-Italian, 2896 N. Dixie, featuring steaks, seafood and Italian cuisine; Pier House, 6975 LaPlaisance Road, featuring steaks and seafood; Colonial Restaurant, 14900 S. Dixie at Albion, fresh and salt water fish, steaks and chops; and Quatros, 1295 Stewart at Telegraph, prime rib, seafood and Mexican and Italian food.

Visitors can drive to Monroe via I-275, which merges into I-75 near Monroe, or drive south on Telegraph Road. The drive is less than an hour from western Wayne County and should be unhampered by the highway construction that plagued southbound drivers during past summers.

Ann Arbor Home Tour

So, you've had enough of the Greenfield Village scene. And the children have grown up. You don't want to do Boblo Island again. Why not travel somewhere really unique -- like visiting the homes of some of the more prominent Ann Arbor residents.

The Ann Arbor Women's City Club is sponsoring its 39th annual "Home Tour" from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 17.

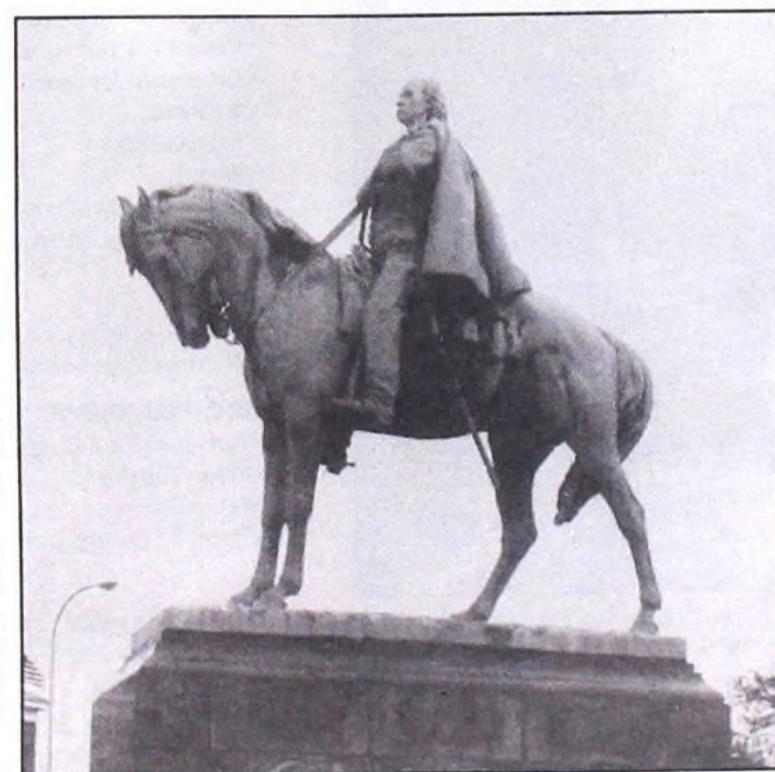


Hoffman described the style as "Low-Tech post-industrial kitsch." And this description basically implies "anything goes" in the eclectic mix of concrete, steel and glass. The living room floor consists of industrial metal embedded in 150 gallons of clear polyurethane gel and has the appearance of an ice skating rink.

Tour organizers have put together a fascinating tour which includes visits to the homes of:

-- Jerry and Claire Hodge, 1241 Bending Road, where you will see beautiful old portraits joined with a wide variety of art. The Hodge's living room features an exquisite display of Tiffany, Steuben and Lalique Art Glass (1880-1930). Special furniture pieces include a large and unusual antique Oriental table. Carved pieces on display are a pink marble pig from Italy and delicate Chinese soapstone forms. Professor Hodge's current work in Trompe L'Oeil ("Fool the Eye") painting and jewelry design are displayed in his studio.

-- The home of Matthew C. Hoffmann, 123 N. Ashley, epitomizes the version of the urban artist lifestyle.



features a facsimile of the Shakespearian era with food, games and entertainment of the medieval period.

Watch each week for more one-tank trips. If you have suggestions of weekend getaways which others would like to know about, write to Associated Newspapers, One-tank trips, 35540 W. Michigan Ave., Wayne MI 48184.

-- Randy and Sally Rudisill, 1711 Hermitage Road, have redesigned and fitted their kitchen with new oak cabinets and appliances. Sally is a professional interior designer and her touch is omnipresent. She used an angled wall in the master bedroom in order to maximize space, and created an illusion of size in the master bath with mirrors and color. She made bedspreads, headboards, draperies and window cornices for all three bedrooms. A member of the City Club, Sally operates Sally Rudisill Design Inc., from an office in her home.

-- Hodges' Dollhouse gives you an Alice in Wonderland look at the world. You can step back in time and into the imaginary Lilliputian world of the Hodges' Dollhouse. Every one of the 200 pieces of furniture in the seven rooms was designed to scale and handcrafted with meticulous care by Professor Lewis Hodges, who has written three books on the subject.

If you're interested in the tour, contact the Ann Arbor Women's City Club at 662-3279 or write: 1830 Washtenaw Avenue, Ann Arbor, MI 48104-3696.

Cost of the tour is \$10. To include lunch costs an additional \$6.

Holly

There's more than one reason to visit Holly.

In addition to attending the popular Renaissance Festival, staged annually in late summer, visitors can discover a delightful array of antique shops and handicraft stores along the streets of Holly.

Holly is located five miles from Fenton and Davisburg, 13 miles from Ortonville and about 22 miles from Flint. Visitors can reach Holly via Interstate-75, exiting on East Holly, or via routes 23 or 10.

In its early years, one of the main downtown streets was dubbed Battle Alley in recognition of the fights that erupted from the many bars that lined the street. Today, the bars have been replaced by dozens of antique shops.

Antique fanciers can spend an afternoon of browsing and shopping at one of the following shops:

-- Battle Alley Arcade, 108 Battle Alley, open seven days from 10:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. with 20 dealers.

-- Holly Crossing Antiques, 219 S. Broad St., open 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday and from noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

-- Water Tower Antiques Mall, 310 Broad St., open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from noon until 5 p.m. on Sunday.

-- Your Heart's Memories, 2280 S. Holly, open from noon to 5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday.

-- Allsop's Treasures, 102 W. Maple, open noon to 5 p.m. Sunday, Monday and Friday, noon to 4 p.m. Thursday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

-- Balcony Row Antiques, 216 S. Broad St., 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday.

On Saginaw Street, 20 shops are clustered under one roof, allowing visitors to browse through folk art, Victorian items, miniatures, ceramics and a year-around Christmas shop.

Visitors should watch for the late summer opening of the Renaissance Festival one mile north of Mt. Holly. The annual weekend event, which attracts more than 100,000 visitors,

1990 values showed strong gains in area

The pace of local existing home sales slacked off in 1990 from the near-record rate of a year earlier, but values remained strong and showed substantial increases in many areas, according to Realtors.

An analysis of a 1,600 square-mile area covering major portions of Wayne and Oakland counties served by the largest multiple listing service in Michigan, Metro MLS, showed a median price of \$79,900 through 1990 on the sale of 16,991 units. This compared to \$77,500 on sale of 18,469 units in 1989.

"Demand here has not been subject to the bursts seen in many other sections of the country to result in artificial stimulation of prices," said Allen C. King, 1991 Metro MLS president.

He said the outbreak of hostilities in the mid-East has left prospective buyers confused and he expected many would hold back from entering the market until the economic outlook becomes clearer.

"Most economists are predicting that the current recession will be short-lived and that current declines will be reversed in the coming months," King stated.

In its analysis, Metro MLS found

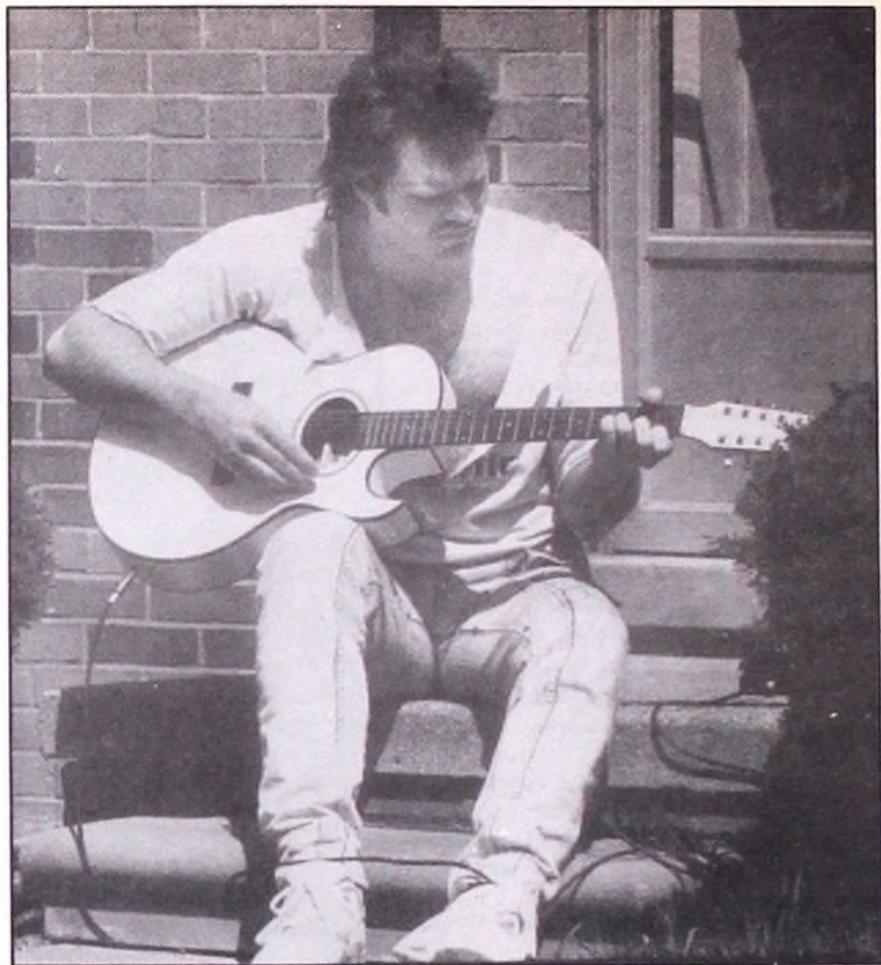
that 1990 sales were up in four of the seven Northwest Detroit neighborhoods served by its members with the total for the year almost identical.

Strongest activity was in the area north of 6 Mile between Greenfield and Schoolcraft where 417 sales brought a median price of \$38,500, an increase of \$4,000 above 1989.

Unlike most suburban areas covered by the service, 1990 listings in Northwest Detroit decreased by nine percent to 3,691 from 4,058 with sales totaling 1,651, only one less than in 1989.

"The top three markets with the greatest increase in selection and availability in 1990 were Canton Township, Plymouth and Plymouth Township and Commerce Township," King said. "Overall selection available through Metro MLS was up 26 percent, which gives the buyer an outstanding selection of property to choose from."

The hot spot, as far as median price increases, was Plymouth, followed by Commerce Township and Novi and Novi Township. Overall, Metro MLS experienced a 3-percent increase in the median sale price from 1989 to 1990.



Strumming

Dennis Korzetki of Wayne takes advantage of warm weather Tuesday to practice his guitar outdoors on the porch of his home. ANP photo by Deanne Deyonker/staff photographer

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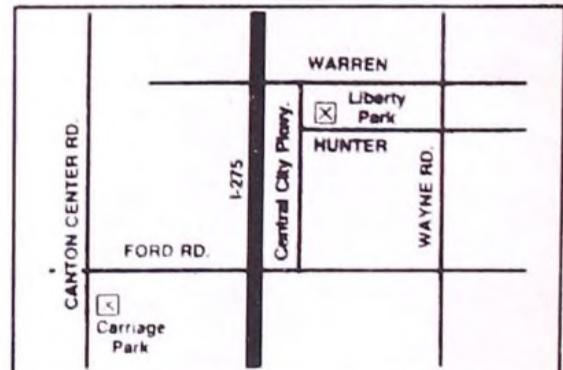
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Dear Elizabeth.

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Sincerely, A.W.

Dear A.W.,

I am sure that December, January and February would have been three of the loneliest months in a long time. What I do see is that you are going through one of the good health cycles for the year. This is more of a year to concentrate on weight loss and getting yourself into shape. I do see you meeting more people socially this year through some of the various senior citizens organizations in your area. However, I do not see you meeting the man you are asking about until next year and after some pounds are shed. Love, Elizabeth

Dear Elizabeth,

My birth date is Oct. 1, 1936. I have been seeing a gentleman (Aug. 31, 1991) for 1 1/2 years, who I care about deeply. He would like me to move in with him and possibly marry later. I feel uncomfortable with these arrangements. We both have homes, he has family problems, also the financial part of the arrangement I am seeking and don't know which side of the city to be job-hunting on. What do you see for the two of us in the future? My best, L.

Dear L.,

If you have been seeing this fellow for 1 1/2 years it must have been in your dreams since he hasn't been born yet according to the year you sent me. If you would like to correct this and send another letter, I will be more than happy to tell of your relationship with him. As for what is coming up for you in the future, things are positive in a work situation within the next three weeks. You will, however, have to drive further than you are used to. You are coming into a great social year this year. Get out there and do something about it. Your chart shows me you definitely work hard and worry about too many people. Go do something for yourself this year.

Love, Elizabeth

Dear Elizabeth,

My friend's birth date is March 21, 1924, mine is Jan. 7, 1925. We haven't seen each other for years. Until in 1987. So what do you see in the future for us as of 1991. And this old gentleman that I look after, his birth date is April 26, 1910 what do see as healthwise in the future for us in 1991.

Thank you, Elsie

Dear Elsie,

As far as the health of the gentle-



man that you look after, it shows me within the next four weeks there will be a change in medication for him. It looks like he has had a rough few weeks, but he ought to be doing better by the end of May. He's a fighter. My first comment after looking at your chart is you will never grow old either. You are constantly on the go, a very spiritual woman always wanting to do for others. However, last year would have been a rough cycle for you and fortunately that is over. You are going through a cycle right now where you would be dreaming more than usual. You would also be more psychic than usual. Your male friend that you asked about has been a very hard worker all his life. He would be very sincere and honest. Actually I think the two of you are very compatible. This year he'd want to spend more time with you. He is going through a very good romance cycle this year. Go out and have fun with someone that you are very compatible with, like this gentleman.

Love, Elizabeth

Dear Elizabeth,

I am a concerned citizen living in the city of Westland. I have four children attending the public schools in the Wayne-Westland district. I am not a happy parent. I have not been happy with the schools for several years and I feel that they are trying to snowball the concerned parents into paying higher taxes for no education. My birth date is May 31, 1956 I would like to know if you feel this millage will go through. Also, do

Signed, no more tax

Dear No more tax,

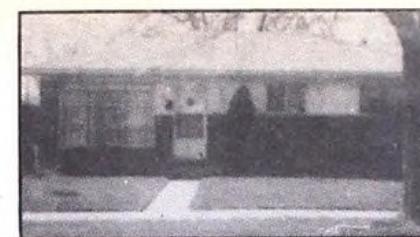
Any move I would see in your chart would not be for the next seven years. You are a very concerned community oriented individual. I can understand why you and many other individuals throughout the state would be concerned about their taxes especially for the schools. They will have a rough time over the next three years in most areas of the state. Keep up the good community work.

Love, Elizabeth

Ask Elizabeth is written each week by Elizabeth of the Psychic Connection in Westland.

If you would like to ask a question, send your letter including birthday and year to: "Ask Elizabeth" c/o The Psychic Connection, P.O. Box 851023, Westland, MI 48185.

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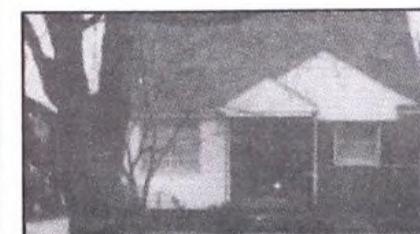
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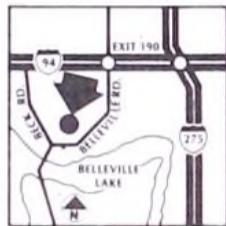


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The back yard and gardens of this featured house in Wayne are what country lovers look for in a city house. ANP photo by Deanne DeYonker/staff photographer

Elm Street house is a real standout in Wayne

Nestled among the more traditional homes of Wayne are two "out-of-the ordinary" houses. One is styled in the tradition of Frank Lloyd Wright and next to it on Elm Street is a California-style colonial just waiting for a new owner.

The house, located on the corner of Elm and Elizabeth, is being handled by Diane Kecske of Coldwell Banker.

The house sits on a large, tiered corner lot with beautiful, mature pine trees. A stream runs through the back of the half-acre lot.

The yard is fenced and includes a workshop in the back that is equipped with electricity.

The property can be enjoyed from a lower-level covered deck, or from an upper-level deck that is nestled among the tree branches.

The house itself is unique. The date of construction of the home is not known, but it was more than likely not built with the surrounding homes.

You walk into the house to find a tiled foyer. To the left is a sunken living room with large fireplace. The living room is quite large and features French doors that lead out to a glass-enclosed sun room facing the back yard. The sun room is heated, has neutral carpeting and a wood ceiling.

From the living room you see an eating area with spectacular curved, wood windows that once again look out onto the beautiful

yard.

The kitchen features new, handmade oak cabinets and ceramic tile counter tops.

There is also a half bath on the ground level.

Upstairs there are two large bedrooms with double closets and easy access to a bathroom. The bedrooms have unusual corner windows allowing plenty of sun into the house.

The bathrooms have been remodeled. They feature oak cabinets and ceramic tile floors. The upstairs bathroom is divided in half so the shower and toilet can be used privately.

A deck to the outside can be reached from a hallway door upstairs.

The basement in the home could be easily adapted as a family room or extra bedroom.

A two-car garage is also located below ground level.

The house features new Anderson vinyl-clad windows and central air.

The roof is three years old, the hot water heater is two years old. The age of the furnace is not known, but is considered to be in good condition.

The house has been well-cared for by the current owners. It is clean and in move-in condition.

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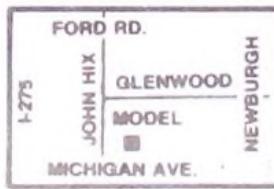
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I'm much happier here. The people here are really, really nice. Mort (Meisner) is really great, the news director here. There's not the constant battle of egos here. There's more teamwork and that really makes a difference.

ANP: Can you tell us about the circumstances under which you left WXYZ?

Leahan: I think that fury was invented by (Mark) Gunther. I don't really want to talk about it. It's in the past and I'm trying to put that behind me. I don't really want to be known as the reporter who left channel 7 in a fury. I don't know why it was the event that it was. It must have been a slow news day for Gunther. It was ridiculous. If I learned anything from it, it was that it is good to stand up for what you believe in. In the end you'll come out ahead.

ANP: What do you and your husband enjoy doing when your schedules actually coincide and you have time to spend together?

Leahan: Well, let's see. Lately our schedules have been so insane. We go to the movies a lot. We like to do yard work. We work on our house. We love going shopping. We love cooking and eating. All my friends say I have the perfect husband. He is just so great. We do everything together. When we have the time to be together we are together even if that's just sitting around staring at each other. I love married life. I highly recommend it.

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ANP Managing Editor

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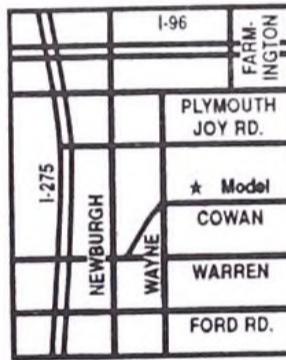


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